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Applicant : Guy AZAM et al.  
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(National Stage of PCT/FR00/03661)  
I.A. Filed : December 22, 2000  
For : TIGHT SHOE LACE -UP DEVICE

**COVER LETTER**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

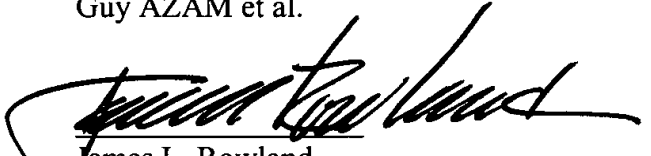
In order to comply with the requirements for the submission of an executed declaration in the above-identified application, and prior to receipt of the Notification which should set a time limit for submission of materials, and further to the filing of the above-identified application and the filing fee on August 28, 2001, Applicant hereby submits:

- Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371;
- an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney; and
- a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge for late filing of the Declaration.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)

09/926,086

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/FR00/03661

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

22 December 2000

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

28 December 1999

TITLE OF INVENTION

TIGHT SHOE LACE-UP DEVICE

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information.

1. ☐ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☒ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
4. ☐ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31).
5. ☐ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).  
"With Executed Verification"
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).  
"Executed"
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 16 below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. Assignee: SALOMON S.A., of Metz-Tessy, FRANCE
12. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
13. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
14. ☐ A FIRST preliminary amendment.  
☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☒ Figure of Drawing to be published 1
18. ☒ Other items or information:  
Cover Letter.

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19. <u>  </u> The following fees are submitted:  Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)): Search report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO. . . . . \$ 860.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482). . . . . \$ 690.00 No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO(37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)). . . . . \$ 710.00 Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2) paid to USPTO. . . . . \$1,000.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4). . . . . \$ 100.00  <div style="text-align: right;">ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</div>				CALCULATIONS		PTO USE ONLY	

Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <u>  20  </u> <u>X</u> <u>  30  </u> months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$ 130.00			
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Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	RATE		
Total Claims	10            - 20 =	0	X \$18.00	\$ 0.00	
Independent Claims	1                - 3 =	0	X \$80.00	\$ 0.00	
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$270.00	\$ 0.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$130.00	

<u>  </u> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.	\$ 0.00	
SUBTOTAL =	\$130.00	

Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <u>  20  </u> <u>  </u> <u>  30  </u> months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).	\$ 0.00	
Extension of Time fee in the amount of \$	\$ 0.00	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =	\$130.00	

Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property	\$ 0.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =	\$130.00	

	Amount to be refunded	\$
	Charged	\$

a.   X   A check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

b.    Please charge my Deposit Account No.        in the amount of \$        to cover the above fees.

c.   X   The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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